



Calder Vale St. John's CE Primary School Scorton CE Primary School



Arts Policy- Scorton CE Primary and Calder Vale St John's Primary School

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KEY PRINCIPLES

Teaching at Scorton CE Primary and Calder Vale St John's Primary Schools is 'Learning Centred', meaning that each element of whole school and classroom practice is designed with an understanding of how children learn best at its heart.

Arts education includes: art, drama, dance and music.

We believe children learn best when:

- learning activities are well planned, ensuring progress in the short, medium and long term
- teaching and learning activities enthuse, engage and motivate children to learn, and foster their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning
- assessment informs teaching so that there is provision for support, repetition and extension of learning for each child, at each level of attainment
- the learning environment is ordered, the atmosphere is purposeful and children feel safe
- there are strong links between home and school, and the importance of parental involvement in their children's learning is recognised, valued and developed.

Key Principle

Children learn best when learning activities are well planned, ensuring progress in the short, medium and long term.

THERE WILL BE EVIDENCE IN THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OF:

- progress in the children's learning, specifically related to the art skills progression. Outcomes of the children's projects will be displayed on the walls in the classroom and display boards around the school. Evidence of the process followed to complete the work will be evident in the children books

TEACHERS WILL ENSURE THAT:

- each term, children will be given the opportunity to complete a piece of work with evidence of the 5 step development process (explore, create, improvise, present and evaluate)
- children will have experience in all areas of art in each phase
 - ART: drawing, painting, 3D, Textile, ICT, printing and collage
 - MUSIC: listen, explore sounds, improvise, compose, perform
 - DRAMA : (see also English policy speaking and listening) improvising, short sketches, reading plays and poetry aloud, rehearsing, performing
 - DANCE: improvise, perform, rehearse ,improve
- Each year, children will have the opportunity to use a range of different resources



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IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL WILL BE:

- there is a Skills Continuum in place that ensures continuity and progression.
- there is a Curriculum Map in place that is broad and balanced
- a monitoring cycle is in place to support the progress of individuals and groups of learners: planning scrutiny, book-looks and displays evident in classrooms and around the school

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THERE WILL BE EVIDENCE IN THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OF:

- arts resources used to support children's understanding of new concepts (key vocabulary, books, posters etc.)
- tangible resources that are linked to class topics and that act as inspiration to initiate arts projects
- existing work by named artists – pictures, video clips, artefacts, music clips

TEACHERS WILL MAKE SURE THAT:

- access to resources will allow children to make choices about their own work
- children are given the opportunity to discuss existing pieces of art, as well and create new ones
- examples of existing pieces of work by famous artists are used in exploration stage to engage children and foster an understanding of the larger cultural context of art
- resources provided will support the variety of abilities and needs
 - children have the opportunity to work alongside local artists once a year.

All of the above include all arts curriculum areas– music, dance, creativity, art, design, drama

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THERE WILL BE EVIDENCE IN THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OF:

- activities that build on their prior attainment and provide a challenge
- photographs of the children working towards their final outcome
- celebration of outcomes (from a range of abilities and where children have been encouraged to take some creative risks with work)

TEACHERS WILL MAKE SURE THAT:

- they use the Skills Continuum to informally keep track of coverage as well as progress
- children are given opportunities to evaluate their work and the work of their peers
 - Children with S.E.N/ Gifted and Talented are provided with appropriate support/ challenge.



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THERE WILL BE EVIDENCE IN THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:

- the safe use of resources
- clearly labelled resources
- children undertaking some of the responsibility for cleaning up and putting resources away

TEACHERS WILL MAKE SURE THAT:

- risks have been assessed carefully before carrying out any practical activities
- children are encouraged to clean up after themselves and respect the resources they are using.

Key Principle

Children learn best when there are strong links between home and school, and the importance of parental involvement in their children's learning is recognised, valued and developed.

TEACHER'S WILL MAKE SURE THAT:

- parents are invited to accompany their children on arts related trips to share an understanding of the learning
- parents are welcomed in to share in their children's arts learning, through arts clubs, class trips, home learning walls in class and recognition of achievement in assemblies.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL:

- ensure parents are informed about school events and relevant topics through regular newsletters, letters, text messaging, notice boards and the school website

DISSEMINATION OF THE POLICY

The policy will be given to all members of staff and copies will be available for parents. A copy of the policy will be available on the school websites.